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GENEVA PLEASE PASS TO YOUNG AND WELLS OF ECOSOC  
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SUBJECT: FRETILIN LETTER TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG;  
CLAIMS OF ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSORS FOR EAST TIMOR  
RESOLUTION

REF: A) USUN 2628, B) STATE 171578, C) USUN 2818,  
D) STATE 171425, E) STATE 171579

1. JOSE RAMOS HORTA DELIVERED LETTER FROM HIM  
ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG (SEE PARA 4 BELOW FOR  
FULL TEXT) TO MISOFF JULY 12TH. MISOFF AS PER REFTTEL A,  
AND CONVERSATION LAST WEEK WITH HIM, REPEATED US  
REJECTION OF CLAIMS OF US MILITARY ADVISORS IN EAST  
TIMOR, AND URGED RAMOS HORTA TO WITHDRAW LETTER SINCE  
WHATEVER CREDIBILITY FRETILIN HAS WILL BE SERIOUSLY  
DAMAGED BY INSISTENCE UPON THESE CLAIMS, WITHOUT  
OFFERING SPECIFIC PROOF. RAMOS HORTA SAID THAT HE  
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WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO PRESENT LETTER, BUT DID SO  
WITH "PERSONAL RELUCTANCE," AND THAT HE HAD URGENTLY  
ASKED FRETILIN FOR SPECIFICS TO BACK-UP ALLEGATIONS  
LAST WEEK WHEN MISOFF HAD STATED TO HIM IN STRONG  
TERMS FRETILIN IS CREDIBILITY PROBLEM IN USING  
UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS OF THIS TYPE. RAMOS  
HORTA INSISTED THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO

DELIVER THIS LETTER, (ORIGINAL IS BEING POUCHED TO GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG). NOTE: FOR THE FIRST TIME FRETILIN CLAIMS REFER TO MERCENARIES SERVING WITH "US MILITARY ADVISORS." END NOTE.

2. RAMOS HORTA ALSO DELIVERED TO MISOFF A XEROX COPY OF A ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION ADVERTISEMENT THAT ALLEGEDLY APPEARED IN AVIATION WEEK (DATE UNKNOWN TO RAMOS) AND IN "INTER-EVENT" A MAGAZINE PUBLISHED IN SWITZERLAND "IN SEVEN LANGUAGES." RAMOS HORTA SAID HE WAS SENDING THIS MATERIAL TO CONGRESSMAN FRASER. THE LEAD COPY DECLARES: "THE BRONCO WORKHORSE: ASK TIMOR ABOUT IT." COPY OF AD DATAFAXED TO TATU/IO.

3. RAMOS HORTA ALSO REPORTED TO MISOFF HIS CLAIMS OF SUCCESS IN HIS QUEST FOR NEW CO-SPONSORS OF THE MODIFIED TEXT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED (REFTEL A). HE SAID SWAZILAND, LIBERIA, SENEGAL, AND SIERRA LEONE HAD ALREADY GIVEN THEIR COMMITMENT "IN PRINCIPLE" TO BE CO-SPONSORS TO THE REVISED TEXT, WHEREAS JAMAICA, MADAGASCAR AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO APPEARED FAVORABLY DISPOSED. HE ALSO SAID HE WAS GOING TO VISIT JAMAICA AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IN AUGUST IN PURSUIT OF THEIR CO-SPONSORSHIP. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE BRAZILIAN MINISTER BUENO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BETANCOURT) HAD TOLD HIM HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO BRASILIA THAT BRAZIL CO-SPONSOR THE RESOLUTION.

4. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG.

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR,

I AM WRITING TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR AS A RESULT OF DIRECT AMERICAN INTERVENTION AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONAL LIBERATION. AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISERS, PILOTS AND OTHER TECHNICAL PERSONNEL ARE NOW ENGAGED IN THE WAR IN EAST TIMOR THAT HAS ENTERED ITS THIRD YEAR.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR, MR. ALARICO FERNANDES, SAID ON JULY 7 THAT AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISERS AND PILOTS AS WELL AS MERCENARIES FOUGHT IN TWO BATTLES LAST MONTH, CLOSE TO THE CAPITAL DILI. THESE BATTLES TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 13 IN A VILLAGE CALLED LEKIDOE, SOUTH OF DILI, AND IN

REMEXIO, EIGHT MILES SOUTH OF THE CAPITAL,  
ON JUNE 21 AND 22.

ACCORDING TO MR. ALARICO FERNANDES, WHO HAS BASED HIS  
CHARGES ON INTELLIGENCE REPORTS CAREFULLY GATHERED OVER  
THE PAST SIX MONTHS, TWO AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISERS  
HAVE BEEN LIVING IN A PLUSH  
RESIDENTIAL AREA IN FAROL, IN DILI SINCE LAST DECEMBER.  
MANY MORE ADVISERS HAVE ARRIVED IN THE FIRST THREE  
MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. SOME OF THIS GROUP HAVE MOVED  
SINCE TO ANOTHER VILLAGE, AILEU, SOME 20 MILES SOUTH  
OF THE CAPITAL.

SOME 90 PERCENT OF THE WEAPONS BEING USED IN EAST TIMOR  
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BY THE INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES ARE AMERICAN-SUPPLIED.

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THIS INCLUDES THE OV-10 BRONCO AIRCRAFT, TANKS, ARMoured  
CARS, TRUCKS, HELICOPTERS, AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND  
AMMUNITION. TWO OV-10 HAVE BEEN HIT BY OUR FORCES

AND DOZENS OF TANKS, ARMOURED CARS AND TRUCKS DESTROYED.  
DOZENS OF RIFLES, ROCKETS, AND TONS OF AMMUNITION  
HAVE BEEN CAPTURED. WHILE SOME OF THESE  
WEAPONS ARE OF BRITISH, BELGIUM, FRENCH AND ISRAELI  
ORIGIN MOST ARE AMERICAN-SUPPLIED. MANY TENS OF  
THOUSANDS OF EAST TIMORESE HAVE BEEN KILLED OVER THE  
PAST 30 MONTHS OF WAR. MY COUNTRY, MR. AMBASSADOR,  
IS SMALL, WITH A POPULATION OF ONLY ONE MILLION. OUR  
PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR MOST SACRED HUMAN RIGHTS:  
SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE. INDONESIA IS A  
COUNTRY OF SOME 150 MILLION AND HAS THE MILITARY AND  
FINANCIAL BACKING OF THE UNITED STATES.  
WHEN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION CAME INTO OFFICE WE  
WERE HEARTENED BY HIS COMMITMENTS TO HUMAN  
RIGHTS AND PROMISES TO CEASE U.S. SUPPORT TO  
REPRESSIVE REGIMES SUCH AS INDONESIA'S. HOWEVER,  
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WE HAVE BEEN DISHEARTENED TO LEARN THAT AS SOON AS  
PRESIDENT CARTER TOOK OFFICE HE REQUESTED THAT CONGRESS  
INCREASE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA SOME 28 PER  
CENT. EARLY THIS YEAR HE AUTHORIZED THE SALE OF 12  
F-5E JET FIGHTERS TO INDONESIA. MORE RECENTLY WE  
LEARNED THAT DURING VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT  
TO INDONESIA MORE AIRPLANES AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE  
HAVE BEEN PROMISED TO THE REPRESSIVE AND NOTORIOUSLY  
CORRUPT REGIME OF GENERAL SUHARTO.

WE BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS STILL  
COMMITTED TO HIS CAMPAIGN PROMISES AND WE UNDERSTAND  
HIS DIFFICULTIES IN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS OF A  
SMALL COUNTRY LIKE OURS. HOWEVER, MAY WE REMIND  
HIM THAT IN EAST TIMOR MANY HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN  
OF THE AGE OF HIS DAUGHTER AMY HAVE ALREADY BEEN  
KILLED AND MORE HUNDREDS WILL BE KILLED IN THE NEXT  
FEW WEEKS AND MONTHS AS A RESULT OF DIRECT AMERICAN  
INTERVENTION THERE. FOR THIS REASON WE TRUST YOU,  
MR. AMBASSADOR, TO BRING THIS QUESTION TO THE  
ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR, I AM WRITING TO YOU WITH FAITH  
IN YOUR SENSE OF JUSTICE AND YOUR RECORD AS A FREEDOM-  
FIGHTER FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES IN THIS COUNTRY. WE ARE  
AWARE THAT YOUR PROFOUND CONVICTIONS IN HUMAN  
DIGNITY AND LIBERTY ARE AN INTERPRETATION OF THE  
FEELINGS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AT LARGE. FOR THIS  
REASON, IN SPITE OF THE LIMITS OF YOUR AUTHORITY,  
WE TRUST UPON YOU TO HELP STOP THE UNJUST  
AMERICAN INTERVENTION IN EAST TIMOR.

SINCERELY YOURS,  
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JOSE RAMOS HORTA  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF FRETELIN FOR THE  
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